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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

1. *The agenda was adopted.*

Follow-up on Member State implementation reports

2. **The Chairman** recalled that, pursuant to paragraph 15 of resolution 1572 (2004) and paragraph 13 of resolution 1584 (2005), all States concerned, in particular those in the region, were requested to report to the Committee within 90 days from the date of adoption of the resolution on the actions they had taken to implement it. Accordingly, the Committee had sent notes verbales to all Member States and personalized letters to the States members of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to remind them of their obligations under the resolution. To date, only 10 States had responded, only one of those an ECOWAS member, and the Committee might wish to follow up with further reminders. In that regard, he drew attention to a draft note verbale to be sent to Member States and a draft letter from the Chairman addressed to ECOWAS member States and invited comments.

3. **Ms. Morris** (United States of America) pointed out that both the draft note verbale and the draft letter mentioned the obligation to report on actions taken to implement the measures imposed by paragraphs 7, 9 and 11 of the resolution. However, implementation of paragraphs 9 and 11 depended on the existence of a list of individuals and entities subject to the travel ban and assets freeze. Since the Committee had not yet established such a list, Member States could not implement those paragraphs, and mention of them should be deleted.

4. **The Chairman** said he took it that the Committee wished to approve the draft note verbale and the draft letter with the above correction. He would suggest, however, that the notes verbales and letters should not be sent out until after the Secretary-General had submitted his upcoming report to the Security Council on the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire, in the event that progress had been made in finding a solution to the conflict.

5. *It was so decided.*

6. **The Chairman** drew attention to his draft statement on Member State reporting to be given to the Security Council at a meeting in the near future under "Other matters" and invited comments. He noted that the information about numbers of reports submitted would, of course, be updated to reflect the situation at the time the statement was given.

7. **Mr. Sitnikov** (Russian Federation) noted that the draft statement indicated that reminders in the form of a note verbale would be sent to all States. Clearly, those States that had already responded did not need to receive a follow-up note verbale.

8. **The Chairman** said he took it that the Committee approved his draft statement to the Security Council with the above correction.

9. *It was so decided.*

10. **Mr. McKenzie-Smith** (United Kingdom) suggested that the Chairman might wish to wait until after the Secretary-General had given his report on the peace process before addressing the Security Council.

11. **The Chairman** said that he would have to consult with the Security Council on the most appropriate date for his presentation and would inform the Committee members.

Other matters

12. **Mr. Serman** (France) said that he wished to inform the Committee in advance that in his Government's report on implementation of the arms embargo, which had not yet been translated and issued, it had asked for certain exemptions. France had been heavily involved in military training activities for Côte d'Ivoire personnel, both in France and in Africa. It had of course suspended all purely military training activities, pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution 1572 (2004), but some of the training was for non-military purposes. France wished to have permission to continue those activities and hoped that the Committee would consider its requests once the report was circulated.

The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.